

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Peter A. Balkus et al.  
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For: AUTHORIZING SYSTEM FOR COMBINING TEMPORAL AND  
NONTEMPORAL DIGITAL MEDIA

Art Unit: 2178  
Examiner: Gregory J. Vaughn  
Docket No.: A20000003  
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REPLY

Sir:

In lieu of filing an appeal brief subsequent to the Notice of Appeal filed on May 6, 2008, the Applicants submit this **Reply and Request for Continued Examination (RCE)**. Applicants hereby petition for a **five-month extension of time** in which to submit this Reply.

Please charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0876** in the amount of **\$2,350.00** extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or any overpayment to said Deposit Account.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7, of which the **Conclusion** is on page 10.